

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 294

Introduced by White, 8; Mello, 5.

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was signed into federal law in order to accord equality and civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 declares that disability in no way diminishes an individual's civil rights, including the right to fully participate in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who experienced discrimination on the basis of disability often had no legal recourse to redress such discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 codifies the nation's goals regarding individuals with disabilities, which are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation in society, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 serves to provide a national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities and provides strong, consistent, and enforceable standards to redress such

discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the State of Nebraska officially recognizes the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 on its twentieth anniversary, the act's declaration of the inherent civil rights of individuals with disabilities, and the recourse provided by the act to individuals with disabilities to remove barriers to full participation in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes July 26, 2010, as the twentieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

2. That the Legislature reaffirms its support of and commitment to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and celebrates the act's inclusion of all citizens of Nebraska in society.